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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to you on behalf of gorge.net in Hood River OR. They provide local internet and phone service. We are a Gorge Networks customer, and we urge you not to grant USTelecoms petition.

I purchase DSL internet and phone service from them. Gorge.net is a much better service and better pricing than Century Link. I want the completion so Century Link won't monopolize internet service locally. Century Link has a TERRIBLE reputation here in Hood River and I am glad there is another provider I can choose

If I could no longer purchase services from Gorge.net my prices would increase and my level of service would decrease. Please DO NOT let this happen!

Please do not end the ability of providers like Gorge Networks to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers.

Thanks you,

Kevin Eakins